

Appl. No. 10/708,456
Amendment dated July 20, 2005
Reply to Office Action of April 20, 2005

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0030] with the following amended paragraph:

[0030] With reference to the inverted view of the latch bar in Fig. 2, optionally the slide plate carries a second end stop 28, which also may be referred to as the keeper end stop, near the second end thereof. In the particular embodiment shown, the slide plate 10 also carries an optional guide rib 30 extending from a major face of the slide plate, which may be referred to as the bottom face. The second end stop 28 is shown to be positioned at an end of rib 30 immediately adjacent to lock cavity 26.

Please replace paragraph [0038] with the following amended paragraph:

[0038] Therefore, the plunger head is moveable between at least two positions with respect to the reception passage 44. In a position of relatively greater insertion and intersection with the passage 44, the plunger head 52 may be transversely interposed into or across passage 44 for substantially the full height of the passageway 44. The resilient spring 56 biases the plunger head into this position of relatively greater intersection with the passage 44. The second position is achieved when button 62 is manually depressed to correspondingly depress the plunger head via movement of shaft 58. The plunger head 52 can be depressed until it is substantially removed from the passage 44, although it is preferred to remain in a crossing relationship with respect to channel 46, to any degree. Thus, in the second position the plunger head 52 will not interfere with entry and movement of the slide plate 10 in the passage 44, although the plunger head serves as a means for stopping the keeper end stop or second end stop 28 in channel 46 at a position with cavity 26 exactly in alignment with plunger head 52.